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April 2, 2009

The Honorable David Obey
Chairman
House Appropriations Committee
H-218, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Jerry Lewis
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
1016 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Obey and Ranking Member Lewis:

I am requesting funding in the FY 2010 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Appropriations bill, FHA Transportation and Community and System Preservation Account for new road construction. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Issaquah, located at 1775 12th Avenue NW, Issaquah, WA 98027. The funding would be used to construct a new 2-lane roadway extending under Interstate 90. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

I hereby certify that this request will be made publicly available on my Official Website as required by Chairman Obey's new Committee policy that only posted requests will be considered.

Consistent with the Republican Conference's policy on project requests, I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge this request: (1) is not directed to an entity or program that will be named after a sitting Member of Congress; (2) is not intended to be used by an entity to secure funds for other entities unless the use of funding is consistent with the specified purpose of the earmark; and (3) meets or exceeds all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable. I further certify that should this request be included in the bill, I will place a statement in the Congressional Record describing how the funds will be spent and justifying the use of federal taxpayer funds.

Sincerely,

DAVID G. REICHERT
Member of Congress



OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN DAVE REICHERT (WA-08)

PROJECT REQUEST CERTIFICATION

By submitting this request for federal funding, I certify that:

- This project directly benefits the residents of Washington's Eighth Congressional District and merits federal funding assistance.
- None of the funds requested will be used for a new building, program, or project named after a sitting Member of Congress.
- None of the funds requested will be used to secure funds for other entities unless the use of funding is consistent with the specified purpose of the project request.
- For requests where the receiving entity is not a unit of federal, state, or local government, or where the entity receiving the funding will not be providing support to a federal, state, or local government, or will not be providing research, the organization will provide matching funds, including in-kind contributions of 5% or more above the statutory requirement.
- For requests from non-federal, -state, or -local government entities or other public institutions, the organization will submit an End User Letter(s) of Support from a public official representing the direct beneficiaries of the project. This will be inserted into the Congressional Record and disclosed on the Member's Congressional Website.
- Under separate cover, I agree to provide a comprehensive plan outlining the sources of funding for the duration of the project; the percent and source of required matching funds, anticipated sources of the funding for the duration of the project, and a detailed budget for how federal funding assistance will be used to support the project.
- In the interest of transparency, any information submitted with this project request may be disclosed for public review, including but not limited to the Committee or Member's Congressional Website and the Congressional Record.
- Should the project receive federal funding, I agree to disclose whether I hired a lobby firm; if so, the name of the lobby firm; and how much was paid to advocate for this project.


PROJECT NAME: I-90 Undercrossing Project at US Post Office

NAME OF PERSON CERTIFYING: Bob Brock, PE

TITLE OF PERSON CERTIFYING: Director of Public Works Engineering

LEGAL NAME OF ENTITY MAKING REQUEST: City of Issaquah

LEGAL ADDRESS OF ENTITY MAKING REQUEST: 1775 12th Ave NW, Issaquah, WA 98027

SIGNATURE:  **DATE:** 3/24/09

February 3, 2009

The Honorable Dave Reichert
United States House of Representatives
2737 78th Ave SE, Suite 202
Mercer Island, WA 98040



PO Box 1307, Issaquah, WA 98027
Ava Frisinger, Mayor
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mayor@ci.issaquah.wa.us

Attention: Gwen Fraser, Staff Assistant
Email: gwen.fraser@mail.house.gov

**RE: Request for 2010 Federal Appropriations for:
I-90 Undercrossing Project**

Dear Congressman Reichert:

The City of Issaquah is faced with transportation issues and impacts - and a designated role in regional land use plans as an employment and activity center - that create conditions far beyond the resources of a small city due to major regional arterials and state and federal interstate highways that come together in our city.

I am writing this letter to request your assistance to us and the US Post Office in securing Federal funding for an important project that will address regionally significant transportation and land use issues as well as specific impacts on the US Postal Service site. As this project benefits both the US Post Office and regional arterials and their intersections with the Interstate 90 freeway, I ask you to evaluate whether FHWA funding or funds available for Post Office facilities - or perhaps a combination - is most appropriate for this project.

The **I-90 Undercrossing Project** will connect the north and south sides of I-90 across the US Postal Service property in the center of the Central Issaquah area. The improvements will provide additional roadway system capacity and mitigate specific impacts caused by the development of a retail center on commercially zoned property owned by the US Postal Service adjacent to the existing Post Office. The roadway will provide an alternate route to the north side of I-90 to allow traffic to avoid further congestion at the major intersections along Front Street that access I-90. Without this project, the retail development proposed by the US Postal Service will cause the nearest major intersection to fail.

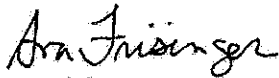
The design work and all necessary environmental approvals for the I-90 Undercrossing have been completed. The roadway Right of Way needed from the US Postal Service will be dedicated to the City if the project obtains the additional funding needed for construction. The project is now being phased with construction of the portion in the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) property, Phase 1, just north of the US Postal Service property (scheduled to start the first part of this spring, 2009. The balance of the portion northerly to SE 62nd Street, Phase 2, is planned to start summer, 2009.) The portion through the Post Office property, Phase 3, would be able to be constructed with Phase 1 if funding were made available.

The currently estimated project construction cost is \$8.0M with \$2.8M being that portion of the project immediately adjacent to the Post Office property and to the north of the WSDOT right of way. **Our request at this time is for \$2.8M in Federal funding to fund the construction of Phase 1 and 3 of this important project.**

We believe that the appropriations application form we have filled out provides ample – and likely not readily apparent - explanations as to how this project can provide transportation, employment and environmental benefits on both a short-term and a sustainable long-term basis at a regionally significant level.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss this project further, please contact Gary Costa, Transportation Manager at (425) 837-3443 or Email: garyc@ci.issaquah.wa.us.

Sincerely,



Ava Frisinger
Mayor

Staff Contact: Gary Costa, Transportation Manager, City of Issaquah
US Postal Service – Randy Alder
US Postal Service – Postmaster – Issaquah Washington

Phase 1: Under I-90 Portion - Funding Overview

Project Phase	Total Cost	Funding Breakout	
		City of Issaquah	FY10 Federal Appropriations Request
Design, Right of Way and Environmental	\$0.08 million	\$0.08 million	
Construction	\$1.32 million	\$0.05 million	\$1.27 million
TOTAL Phase 1	\$1.40 million	\$0.13 million	\$1.27 million

Phase 2 & 4: From I-90 to SE 62nd St. and SE 62nd - Funding Overview

Project Phase	Total Cost	Funding Breakout	
		City of Issaquah	FY10 Federal Appropriations Request
Design, Right of Way and Environmental	\$2.77 million	\$2.77 million	
Construction	\$5.80 million	\$5.80 million	
TOTAL Phase 2	\$8.57 million	\$8.57 million	\$0

Phase 3: Portion Through US Post Office Property - Funding Overview

Project Phase	Total Cost	Funding Breakout	
		City of Issaquah	FY10 Federal Appropriations Request
Design, Right of Way and Environmental	\$1.32 million	\$1.32 million	
Construction	\$1.61 million	\$0.08. million	\$1.53 million
TOTAL Phase 3	\$2.93 million	\$1.40 million	\$1.53 million

Total of Phases 1-3 : - Funding Overview

Project Phase	Total Cost	Funding Breakout	
		City of Issaquah	FY10 Federal Appropriations Request
Design, Right of Way and Environmental	\$4.17 million	\$4.17 million	
Construction	\$8.73 million	\$5.93 million	\$2.80 million

TOTALS Ph 1-3	\$12.90million	\$10.10 million	\$2.8 million
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FY09 APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST FORM

REPRESENTATIVE DAVE REICHERT (WA-08)

(ONE project/program per form)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Organization making request: **City of Issaquah**

Address: **1775 12th Avenue NW**

City: **Issaquah**

State: **WA**

ZIP Code: **98027**

Point of Contact(POC): **Gary Costa, Transportation Manager**

Phone: **Office: (425) 837-3443; cell (425) 766-8417**

Email: garyc@ci.issaquah.wa.us

Address: **1775 12th Ave NW**

City: **Issaquah**

State: **WA**

ZIP Code: **98027**

DC Representation (if any):

Phone:

Email:

Address:

City:

State:

ZIP Code:

PROJECT/PROGRAM INFORMATION

PROJECT TITLE: I-90 Undercrossing Project at US Post Office

Prioritized: 1 of 2 total requests for your organization

Appropriations Bill: (Please check)

 Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA Defense Commerce, Justice, Science

 Energy and Water Development Interior and Environment

 State, Foreign Operations Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education

 Military Construction, Veterans' Administration Homeland Security

 X Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Financial Services and General Government, District of Columbia

 Legislative Branch

Agency/Bureau (i.e. FBI; Corps of Engineers; US Navy; ARS, etc.): **U.S. Postal Service**

Requested Account (i.e. Buildings and Facilities, Aviation Safety; Capital Improvements, etc):

This is a capital improvement project. Funding would be expected from Transportation, Housing and Urban Development appropriation bill.

Amount requested for FY2009: **\$2.8 Million**

Total cost of project: **\$12.9 Million**

Minimum amount of FY2009 funding needed to begin or sustain this project: **\$ 1.6 Million**

Is this program authorized? YES X NO

If YES, bill number:

Year:

Is this program funded in the President's FY08 budget request? YES

 X NO

If YES, amount: \$

Anticipated total future requests: **\$ 0.0** Over the next years

Local, state and/or private funding sources: **City of Issaquah**

Total Amount: **\$10.1 Million** **\$5.4 M** Over the next 1 years

Other sources of Federal funding:

Total Amount: **\$ 0.0 Million** Over the next years

Federal Agency Sponsor or Program Manager:

Office:

FY09 APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST FORM

REPRESENTATIVE DAVE REICHERT (WA-08)

(ONE project/program per form)

Other agency advocate (if any):

Office:

Phone Number:

Are you requesting this through any other office: Yes If yes, which office: Senator Murray's

PROJECT FUNDING HISTORY (FROM CURRENT YEAR BACKWARD)

FISCAL YEAR	PRESIDENT'S REQUEST	ORGANIZATION'S REQUEST	FUNDING AMOUNT	APPROPRIATIONS BILL	ACCOUNT, SUBACCOUNT
FY2010		\$2.8 M			STP or CMAQ

Project Description:

The I-90 Undercrossing Project will construct a new 2-lane roadway through the US Postal Service property (Phase 3) extending from the south to the north side north under Interstate 90 (Phase 1). Combined with sections of this roadway under construction by a private developer (Phase 2) and by the City of Issaquah, this project will result in a complete new north-south arterial street serving employment and commercial land uses in the City and relieving congestion on the only two other streets crossing I-90 in Central Issaquah.

Justification of funding

- How does this request fit within the identified bill and account (cite specific precedents and overall purpose of account):

FHWA STP and CMAQ are directed toward projects that solve traffic problems and local projects in the Puget Sound region funded almost always also must facilitate development of density in existing designated center areas, as Central Issaquah location of this project is designated. Traffic is heavily congested at the two adjacent I-90 interchanges and all traffic, including US Postal Service vehicles, have to experience long delays to go to the north side of I-90. This project will provide a third arterial to travel north and south in central Issaquah and relieve the congestion at the two other arterials intersection at I-90 interchanges. Additionally, the Central Issaquah area is home to the major employment and commercial activity areas in Issaquah and the Comprehensive Plan calls for this area to develop even higher mixed used densities, which this project will facilitate by providing significant and much needed improved access to and circulation within the area. Thus, jobs will be created not only immediately through the construction of this project, but also by this roadway facilitating the development of an area zoned for high density commercial uses.

Specific proposed language for Congressman's request to the Committee (if any):

Is there any other relevant information regarding this request that you would like to share?

CONTINUE FOR DEFENSE REQUEST ONLY:

FY09 APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST FORM
REPRESENTATIVE DAVE REICHERT (WA-08)

(ONE project/program per form)

What is the name and number of the Program Officer for this request?

Have you contacted the Program Officer?

Appropriations Account: (Please check)

☐ RDT&E ☐ Procurement ☐ O&M ☐ Counter Drugs ☐ Medical
☐ Reserve Equipment ☐ National Guard Equipment ☐ Other (DW, for example)

Service: (Please check)

☐ Army ☐ Army Reserve ☐ Navy ☐ Navy Reserve ☐ Marine Corps ☐ Marine Corps Reserve
☐ Air Force ☐ Air Force Reserve ☐ Intelligence ☐ Army Guard ☐ Air National Guard

Line Item Title:

Identification:

R-1/PE # _____ P-1/Line # _____ TIARA/JMIP (Intel Only) _____

Sub-Activity Group (required for Personnel and O&M):

I-90 Undercrossing Project at US Post Office Economic Benefits and Jobs

This project will immediately add jobs during construction, both the direct construction jobs and jobs in firms that provide materials and services for roadway construction projects.

In the near term, the project will make possible development of a vacant piece of commercially zoned property owned by the US Postal Service which will also bring jobs to the area and will provide needed access to the "Z-Tech" commercially zoned property slated for near-term development.

In the mid- to longer-term, the project will provide much-needed additional access and internal circulation that will facilitate development and redevelopment to higher densities of job-producing land uses in the Central Issaquah area, as called for under City's Comprehensive Plan and the region's land use plan developed in compliance with the State's Growth Management Act.

In all, the immediate- and short-term timeframe of this construction project and the proposed developments that this project will allow to move forward could create over a couple hundred jobs based upon an FHWA average of 28 jobs per million dollars of construction. In the longer term time frame, redevelopment to higher densities of job-producing land uses in the Central Issaquah area that the City is currently going through has the significant potential to create new jobs in the thousands.

The **I-90 Undercrossing Project**, therefore, is a crucial factor for sustaining Issaquah as a vital hub for a much larger adjacent surrounding area of the Federal Urban Area and the GMA designated growth area. By making it possible for compact and efficient land use density to be sustained and facilitated in Issaquah, the **I-90 Undercrossing Project** benefits residents and taxpayers in the State of Washington

Additionally, per the Washington State Department of Transportation system for rating the importance of roadways based on the amount of freight carried, the Front Street-East Lake Sammamish Parkway arterial – which is the facility most improved by shifting traffic to the **I-90 Undercrossing** new, third freeway crossing point is classified as T-1, the highest classification level. Thus, freight, and the important economic benefits associated with improved freight movement is another benefit of the project.



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City of Issaquah
Office of the Mayor

cc: Bob Brock

March 21, 2007

The Honorable Mayor Ava Frisinger
City of Issaquah
PO Box 1307
Issaquah, WA 98027-1307

SUBJECT I-90 Crossing Project in Issaquah, Washington

Dear Mayor Frisinger:

I am writing to you concerning our facility on Gilman Boulevard in Issaquah and the proposed I-90 Crossing Project. As we are all aware, the Gilman Boulevard corridor suffers from significant congestion during peak hours. The City has advised us that the proposed crossing will provide not only additional capacity, but will improve mobility by allowing local movements across the freeway barrier, freeing up capacity for traffic accessing I-90.

Over the past two years, we have been working closely with the City to reduce the impact the project will have on our Main Office in Issaquah. We think the latest plans, which will require a reconfiguration of the parking lot at the facility, will benefit our customers and employees. It will also provide the additional capacity needed to allow the development of a vacant parcel zoned for commercial use that is owned by the Postal Service. Therefore, we have no objection to the Issaquah I-90 Crossing Project and view it as a win-win situation for both the City and the Postal Service.

Sincerely,

Harold J. Matz
District Manager

Distribution: Manager, Post Office Operations
Postmaster, Issaquah, WA

March 24, 2009

The Honorable Dave Reichert
United States House of Representatives
2737 78th Ave SE, Suite 202
Mercer Island, WA 98040



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Ava Frisinger, Mayor
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mayor@ci.issaquah.wa.us

Attention:

Lindsay Manson, Email: Lindsay.Manson@mail.house.gov
Gwen Fraser, Email: gwen.fraser@mail.house.gov
Application submittals, Email : reichert.projectrequests@mail.house.gov

**RE: FY 2010 Project Request Federal Appropriations Additional Materials for:
I-90 Undercrossing Project City of Issaquah**

Dear Representative Reichert:

Attached are the additional materials requested to support the City of Issaquah's application for a Federal appropriation of \$2.8 million for construction of the I-90 Undercrossing Project at US Post Office. Design and environmental phases of this project have been completed and the City of Issaquah is prepared to move forward to construction if this appropriation request is approved.

Attached please find the following, which supplements the application materials submitted earlier:

- 1- A signed project certification letter.
- 2- A complete project budget and funding overview.
- 3- A description of economic benefits and jobs the project has the potential to create.

If you or your staff have any questions or require additional information or materials please do not hesitate to contact me or Gary Costa, Transportation Manager at 425-837-3443 or email: garyc@ci.issaquah.wa.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ava Frisinger".

Ava Frisinger
Mayor

Enclosures: Project Certification Letter
Budget and Funding Overview
Economic Impacts and Job Creation Summary

cc: Bob Brock, Public Works Director
Sheldon Lynne, Deputy Public Works Director
Gary Costa, Transportation Manager